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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

A Notice of Appeal was filed on June 24, 2004 and provided a two-month period for response which expired August 24, 2004. Pursuant to Rule 136(a), Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for an extension of time into the first month after the response due date, i.e., until September 24, 2004.

A check for the appropriate fee set by 37 CFR §1.17 of \$110.00 is attached hereto for this Petition. The Appeal Brief fee of \$330.00 is also attached.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any Petition for Extension of Time fee for underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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